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Credential of Value (working definition of Advance Vermont)	y VT	A credential of value is an educational certificate, occupational license, Registered Apprenticeship, or industry-recognized certification that verifies an individual's competence in technical or occupational skills. Credentials of value are stackable, transferable and have value in the job market.	Educational certificate, occupational license, Registered Apprenticeship, or industry- recognized certification	Commercial Driver's License, Licensed Practical Nurse, Certified Surgical Technologist. Certified Welder, Licensed Electrician, Child Care Apprenticeship, Forestry Certificate, Meat Cutting Master Training, Certified Professional Coder and Industrial Maintenance Technician Certificate	Stackable, transferable and has value in the job market	Advance Vermont	No link currently available (website launching March 2019).
High Value Certificate	AL	TBD			Valuable; portable; stackable; trackable; skills-based; in demand (see source link for definitions of these)	Alabama Works!	https://alabamaworks.com/succ essplus/ (scroll way down to Defining Credentials of Value)
Educational Certificate Industry Recognized Credential	AZ	N/A	IRCs defined to include Registered Apprenticeships, occupational licenses, personnel certification (from WIOA policy manual, Chapter 2 - Section 100)		Career-enhancing attributes may be tacked on: Industry- recognized, stackable, portable, accredited (see source link for definitions)	Arizona Department of Economic Security	https://des.az.gov/sites/default/files/media/wioacredentials_0.pdf
Credential	CA	N/A	Certificates, degrees, licenses, certifications, badges, diplomas	https://aebg.knack.com/third-party- credentials#credentials/all-credentials/	Accessible, transparent, stackable, portable, meaningful, connected (see source link for definitions)	California Workforce Development Board	https://cwdb.ca.gov/wp- content/uploads/sites/43/2016/ 08/CredentialingFrameworkCW DBFinalJune2016.pdf

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Credential (postsecondary); Industry Recognized Certification (secondary)	СО	postsecondary: "For purposes of the master plan, the CCHE includes all certificates issued by our public institutions as credentialsGoing forward, as new credentials and credentialing approaches are explored and adopted, the commission anticipates revisiting its definition" secondary: "An industry certification is a credential recognized by business and industry at the local, state or national level. It could be an assessment, an examination or a license that is administered and recognized by an industry third-party or governing board. Industry certifications measure competency in an occupation, and they validate the knowledge base and skills that show mastery in a particular industry."	recognized certification exam/license • Passing an examination that enables the award of an industry certification • Obtaining a state- issued professional license			Colorado Commision on Higher Education; Colorado Department of Education	https://www.cde.state.co.us/po stsecondary/grad- industrycertificationfactsheet;
Industry-Recognized Credential	СТ		Registered Apprenticeship certificates, industry-recognized certificates, licenses, certifications (WIOA language)	manufacturing, healthcare, construction/energy/green technology, insurance/financial services, information technology, and tourism	Portable, stackable	Connecticut Department of Labor	https://www2.ed.gov/about/off ices/list/osers/rsa/wioa/state- plans/ct.pdf
Industry-Recognized Credential	DE	Industry-recognized credentials certify an individual's qualifications and competencies. They are globally portable and can be accumulated over time to build up an individual's qualifications to pursue a career pathway or another postsecondary					Not available

credential after high school.

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Industry Credential	IL	secondary: A work-related credential, certification, or license that: 1. Verifies, through a valid assessment, an individual's qualifications or competence in a specific skillset related to a particular industry or occupation; 2. Is issued by an industry-related organization or state licensing body with the relevant authority to issue such credentials; and 3. Is broadly sought or accepted by employers as a recognized, preferred, or required credential for recruitment, screening, hiring, retention, or advancement purposes.	secondary: credential, certification, license			Illinois State Board of Education	https://www.isbe.net/Documen ts/CCRI_Report.pdf#search=indu stry%20recognized%20credentia
Industry Recognized Credential	IN	Developed or supported by business and industry to verify student mastery of technical skills competencies in an occupational area that aligns with Indiana's economic sectors and is approved by the Department of Workforce Development.	,		1)Must meet nationally understood definition of industry certification; 2)Must meet minimum requirement of 200 available jobs; 3)Must be above 25th percentile of wages in Indiana	Indiana Department of Workforce Development	https://www.in.gov/dwd/files/I ndustry_Certification_Methodol ogy_Memorandum.doc.pdf

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Industry Certifications	KY		industry certifications, licenses, credentials		Practical, relevant, aligned with career pathways	Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board	https://education.ky.gov/CTE/e ndofprog/Documents/Valid Ind ustry Certification List.xlsx
Industry Based Credential (IBC)	LA	An independent third party credential that is industry-accepted and results from a process whereby an individual's knowledge and/or skill in a particular area is verified against a set of predetermined standards.	Categorized into three levels: 1)Statewide (have value and portability in state economy); 2)Regional (prepares students for careers relevant to regional economy); 3)Complementary (have value across sectors, ex. First aid / computer literacy)	http://www.laworks.net/Downloads/PR/WIC/IBC_StateFocusList.pdf	Must be recognized by at least 3 Louisiana employers; Demonstrated results re: preferential hiring; Provides opportunities for entry-level employment in high- demand/high-wage occupations; Be generic, not vendor-specific	Louisiana Workforce Commission	http://www.laworks.net/Public Relations/WIC_IndustryBasedCe rtification.asp
Credential of Value	ME	Degree, certificate, or high quality credential — leading to further education and "high quality" employment.	certifications, certificates, associate's, licenses	https://nebhe.org/newslink/university-of-maine-system-to-participate-in-nebhes-highvalue-credentials-for-new-england-initiative/	 Leads to employment Has labor market value Credential of value or "good" certificate = 20% premium above HS medium wage 	Maine Department of Education	http://staticweb.maine.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Main e%E2%80%99s-workforce-education-coalition-and-Maine%E2%80%99s-Adult-Promise-Initiative-Rosa-Redonnett.pdf?0d0f03

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Industry Recognized Credentials	MA	Industry-Recognized Credentials (IRCs) are used by employers to certify that an applicant is qualified for a job. Students who earn industry certifications have an advantage finding high-demand jobs with good wages because the certifications are globally portable and valuable to employers. Often, these industry certifications are "stackable", which means multiple credentials can be accumulated over time to build up an individual's qualifications to pursue a career pathway or another postsecondary credential.			Labor Market Demand, "good" wage, portable, stackable	Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education	https://www.mbae.org/initiatives/credentials-for-success/
Credential	MI	An industry-recognized certificate or certification, a certificate of completion of an apprenticeship, a license recognized by the state involved or federal government, or an associate or baccalaureate degree. established "credential" as the umbrella term encompassing. A credential must be awarded in recognition of an individual's attainment of measurable technical or occupational skills necessary to gain employment or advance within an occupation. These technical or occupational skills are generally based on standards developed or endorsed by employers.	Educational diplomas; certificates; degrees; registered apprenticeship certificates; occumpational skills licenses; industry recognized professiona assocation certifications/personnel certifications		Industry recognized; Portable; 3rd party validated/accredited; stackable	Michigan WIOA	https://www.michigan.gov/doc uments/wda/WIOA_Manual_Ch apter_7_Credentials_612232_7. docx
Certificate	MN	A postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma at a level less than a baccalaureate degree, which is not an associate degree. This group may include "awards", "certificates" or "diplomas" depending on the naming convention used by a specific institution		ex. Certified Nursing Assistant Program	Awarded by a postsecondary institutions upon successful completion of a predetermined number of instructional hours at the institution	Minnesota Office of Higher Education	https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/pdf/EducatingForTheFuture.pdf
Industry Recognized Credential	MS	A credential proves an individual's qualification or competence in a given subject.			Stackable, portable, issued by a 3rd party authority	Mississippi Community College Board	http://www.mccb.edu/pdfs/wk/ WorkforceProjectPolicies.pdf

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Industry Recognized Creden	ti MO	A portable, recognized credential that validates an individual has successfully demonstrated skill competencies in a core set of content and performance standards in a specific set of work-related tasks, single occupational area, or a cluster of related occupational areas.		https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/cte-irc-tsa-guidance.pdf	:	Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	https://dese.mo.gov/college- career-readiness/career- education/technical-skills- attainment-industry-recognized- credential
Credential	MT	"Credential" is used as the umbrella term that describes a formal signifier of postsecondary achievement, including degrees, licenses, titles, registered apprenticeship credentials, and certificates. Industry recognized credentials are typically provided by national associations/organizations that have established frameworks to recognize individuals that have gained specific technical competencies.	Degrees, titles, licenses, registered apprenticeship credentials, certificates	American Welding Society (AWS); Practical Nursing Certificate Snap-On; Six Sigma Green Belt; Cisco Systems Operator National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER)—Welding; National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB)	Has curriculum/assessments associated with each credential (clear learning outcomes) Demonstrable value in the labor market Sequence of credentials can build upon one another ("stack"), but individual credential units can also be taught independently Benchmarks/assessments relate to specific competencies – credential offered at each level Assessments have utility for PLA Does not require separate assessment under employer - transferrable Useful for different training formats (work-based, college-based, apprenticeship) Has online components Limited costs Multiple off-ramps into labor	RevUp, Empowering Montana's Workforce	https://www.gfcmsu.edu/revup /documents/Final%20Evaluation %20of%20RevUps%20Industry% 20Recognized%20Credential%2 OIntiative.pdf

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Industry-Valued Credential	NJ	"A recognized degree, diploma, certificate or certification awarded for an occupation."	degree, diploma, certificate, certification	Page 9 of source link	Valued and demanded by employers; portable (skills are transferable); stackable (skills may lead to additional training and education); lead to higher wages, career advancement, and job security	New Jersey Department o Labor and Workforce Development	f http://careerconnections.nj.gov /careerconnections/document/ prepare/NJ_Industry_Valued_Cr edential_List_January_2018.pdf
Industry Recognized Credential	ND	A verification of an individual's qualifications or competence issued by a third party with the relevant authority to issue such credentials	Certificate, certification, degree license	, See source link	Industry preferred or required for recruitment, screening, hiring, retention or advancement purposes; 3rd party assessment; and, where appropriate, endorsed by a nationally recognized trade association or similar	North Dakota Career Resource Network	http://www.nd.gov/cte/crn/crc/docs/Fall2018/BYCP_What_is_a _Credential_Industry_Certificati ons.pdf
Industry Recognized Credential	NV	A credential can be an educational diploma or degree, occupational state license, certification from industry or professional association, certificate or examination. The term credentials is often used in the labor-market and used as evidence of individuals gaining the appropriate skills, knowledge, and	educational diploma, degree, occupational state license, industry certification		 Industry-recognized Labor Market Value Stackable (see source link for definitions) Portable Quality/Accredited Aligned 	Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation	http://www.doe.nv.gov/upload edFiles/ndedoenvgov/content/B oards_Commissions_Councils/St ate_Board_of_Education/2017/ October/Item13IndustryRecCre dentials.pdf

experiences needed to be successful for

employment.

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Industry-Recognized Credential	ОН	An industry-recognized credential is a verification of an individual's qualification or competence. A third party with authority (U.S. Department of Labor, 2010) issues a credential. Authorities include business, trade association, or other industry-group assessments that measure technical competency and validate knowledge and skills in a specific industry. This also includes licenses or legal permission to engage in particular types of work that typically a government agency issues.	,	http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s- Graduation-Requirements/Industry- Recognized-Credentials-and- WorkKeys/Industry-Recognized-Credentials	-	Ohio Department of Education	http://education.ohio.gov/Topic s/Ohio-s-Graduation- Requirements/Industry- Recognized-Credentials-and- WorkKeys/Industry-Recognized- Credentials-FAQs
Industry Credential	OK	An education- and work-related credential, which could include a license or certificate, can be defined as a verification of an individual's qualification or competence issued by a third party with the relevant authority to issue such credentials.	Certificate, certification, degree, license (see source link for definitions)			Oklahoma CareerTech Delivers	https://okcareertechdelivers.co m/category/credentials/
Industry Recognized Credential (secondary)	OR	A single credential, license, or certificate that reflects technical knowledge and skills learned by a high school student enrolled in a CTE Program of Study. To earn a single credential a student should need to invest a significant amount of time and effort to develop the technical knowledge and skills.	Credential, license, certificate	~Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources ~Arts, Information, and Communications ~Business and Management ~Health Sciences ~Human Resources ~Industrial and Engineering Systems	Must be available to students across state; tied to highwage/high-demand jobs; attainable by August following HS graduation; courses must be available to HS students prior to graduation; must be aligned to technical entry-level requires / or are stackable		https://www.oregon.gov/ode/P ages/search- results.aspx?q=industry%20reco gnized%20credentials%20initial %20recommendations
Industry Recognized Credential (secondary)	SD	Industry recognized credentials are a way for students to demonstrate mastery of knowledge and skills. They can increase job prospects and options for post-secondary education as well as increase their marketability to employers.		https://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements/documents/Industry.pdf		South Dakota Department of Education	https://doe.sd.gov/cte/industry. aspx

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Industry Certifications (secondary)	TN	As it pertains to industry certifications, all department-promoted certifications are aligned with postsecondary and employment opportunities and with the competencies and skills that students should have acquired through their chosen programs of study.		https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/ccte/cte/cte certs 2018-19.pdf	Industry recognized and valued; aligned to CTE course/program of study; transference to postsecondary; transference to high quality employment	•	https://www.tn.gov/content/da m/tn/education/ccte/cte/cte_ce rts_guidance.pdf
Credentials	TX	Credential is a broad term that refers to a verified proficiency or competency and is issued to an individual by a third party that has relevant authority or jurisdiction. Third-party entities include accredited education institutions, professional or trade associations, and government agencies, among others.	Certifications, licenses, educational credentials: diplomas, certificates, degrees			Texas Education Agency	http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/re ports/PDF/10494.PDF?CFID=753 14517&CFTOKEN=13839274
Industry Credential	VA		State-issue professional license; full industry certification; pathway industry certification; occupational competency assessment	Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Cosmetology; A+ CompTIA, Microsoft Certified Professional; Automotive Service Excellence, (ASE), Microsoft Office Specialist; NOCTI		Virginia Department of Education	http://www.doe.virginia.gov/ins truction/career_technical/path_ industry_certification/index.sht ml

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Recognized postsecondary credential	WI	Recognized post-secondary credentials are awarded in recognition of an individual's attainment of measurable technical or industry/occupational specific skills necessary to obtain employment or advance within an industry/occupation. These skills are generally based on standards developed or endorsed by employers or industry associations (degrees, occupational licensure, occupational certificates, etc.). Examples of what would count as a recognized post-secondary credential: • An industry recognized certificate or certification (e.g. Microsoft Information Technology certificate, Certified Nursing Assistant, certificate in business administration, Certified Welder) • Certificate of completion of an apprenticeship or youth apprenticeship • License recognized by state or federal government (e.g. Registered Nurse, Asbestos Inspector, Cosmetologist, Master Plumber, Licensed Professional Counselor) • Technical diploma or associate, bachelor's, or master's (graduate) degree • Job Corps certificate of completion for career technical training	Industry recognized certificate or certification; apprenticeship, state or federally recognized license; technical diploma, associates, bachelors, or graduate degree; job corp certificate for career technical training	Industry recognized credential: Microsoft Information Technology certificate, Certified Nursing Assistant, certificate in business administration, Certified Welder. License regonized by state or federal government: Registered Nurse, Asbestos Inspector, Cosmetologist, Master Plumber, Licensed Professional Counselor		State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development	http://wintac-s3.s3-us-west- 2.amazonaws.com/topic- areas/ta_511/WI-WIOA-Joint- Credential-Detailed- Guidance.pdf
Credential	WY	An education- and work-related credential can be defined as a verification of an individual's qualification or competence issued by a third party with the relevant authority to issue such credentials.	License, certificate, diploma, degree			Wyoming Department of Education	https://edu.wyoming.gov/in-the- classroom/career-tech-ed/cte- resources/



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